HB 1232 -- Online Identity Theft

Sponsor: McManus

This bill specifies that any person who knowingly and without consent credibly impersonates another actual person through or on an Internet website or by other electronic means for the purpose of harming, intimidating, threatening, or defrauding another person will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor and will be punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment in a county jail for up to one year, or both. Any person who suffers damage or loss based on a violation of these provisions may bring a civil action against the violator for compensatory damages and injunctive or other equitable relief. These provisions cannot preclude prosecution under any other law.